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For: POLYCARBOXYLIC ACID COPOLYMER,
PRODUCTION METHOD AND USE
THEREOF

Examiner: H. L. Pezzuto

REQUEST FOR REFUNDCommissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Deposit Account of the undersigned was charged \$430 on March 2, 2004 for 5 additional independent claims in connection with an amendment filed on February 12, 2004. **This amount represents an overcharge of \$258 and a refund, by credit to Deposit Account 22-0185, is requested.** The amendment of February 12, 2004 added 2 (not 5) more independent claims (for a total of 8 independent claims). Therefore, the amount due for additional independent claims was $\$86 \times 2 = \172 . Previously, a charge to our Deposit Account included a charge for 3 additional independent claims over 3 for a total of 6 independent claims. (See attached Deposit Account Statement of May 21, 2002.)

It appears that in charging us on March 2, 2004 for $\$86 \times 5 = \430 additional independent claims, the PTO neglected to take into account that 6 of the 8 independent claims had previously been paid for.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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